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Re: Deer 2000 Review Ad-hoc Study Committee Recommendation

Chairman Harvey:

On September 15, 2009, our Ad-Hoc study committee voted 5-4 in favor of the following deer season structure as an alternative to Earn-A-Buck. We request that this proposal be made public in a press release next week. It should be noted that this alternative season structure passed with the addition of a 3 year sunset clause.

Sincerely,

Robert Bohmann
Chair, WCC Deer 2000 Review Ad-Hoc Study Committee

Regular Units

- Archery Season runs continuous from the Saturday nearest September 15th through the first Sunday in January (during Gun Deer Seasons and Muzzleloader Seasons, archers would be required to wear blaze orange and Archery Season would be closed the Friday before the 9-Day Gun Deer Season)
- Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt that occurs on the second weekend in October
- 9-Day Gun Deer Season beginning on the Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday
- 10-Day Muzzleloader Season that begins on the Monday immediately following the 9-Day Gun Deer Season
- 4-Day December Antlerless Only Deer Season beginning on the Thursday immediately following the 10-Day Muzzleloader Season (anyone with a valid antlerless deer carcass tag is eligible to participate)

Herd Control Units North of Highway 64

- Archery Season runs continuous from the Saturday nearest September 15th through January 31st (during Gun Deer Seasons and Muzzleloader Seasons, archers would be required to wear blaze orange and Archery Season would be closed the Friday before the 9-Day Gun Deer Season)
- Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt that occurs on the second weekend in October
- 16-Day Gun Deer Season beginning on Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday

- 7-Day Muzzleloader Season that begins on the Monday immediately following the 16-Day Gun Deer Season
- 4-Day December Antlerless Only Deer Season beginning on the Thursday immediately following the 7-Day Muzzleloader Season (anyone with a valid antlerless deer carcass tag is eligible to participate)

Herd Control Units South of Highway 64

- Archery Season runs continuous from the Saturday nearest September 15th through January 31st (during Gun Deer Seasons and Muzzleloader Seasons, archers would be required to wear blaze orange and Archery Season would be closed the Friday before the 9-Day Gun Deer Season)
- Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt that occurs on the second weekend in October
- 16-Day Gun Deer Season beginning on Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday
- 7-Day Muzzleloader Season that begins on the Monday immediately following the 16-Day Gun Deer Season
- 10-Day (Either Sex) Gun Deer Holiday Hunt that begins on December 26th (anyone with valid deer carcass tags is eligible to participate)

Hunter Incentive in All Herd Control Units

- First Buck, No EAB Requirement: Hunters are authorized to harvest their first antlered deer with no EAB requirements. Authorization for an additional antlered deer would require first harvesting an antlerless deer (the antlerless deer may be harvested during any open deer season with a valid license, using an appropriate, corresponding weapon). Hunters authorized to harvest a second antlered deer may harvest that buck during any open deer season with a valid license, using an appropriate, corresponding weapon. The antlerless deer and second authorized buck are not required to be taken during the same season or using the same weaponry.

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